

mittee on Committees appointed following committee on Resolutions: J. L. Gillin, J. E. Braker and Sadie Gibbons. Adjourned.

1:30 P. M.

Devotional service, led by Sister Flora. Report of K. C., by Emma Puterbaugh, was read and approved. It was decided by a large majority that the conference of 1899 be held at Leon, Iowa. Brother J. E. Braker, gave a Bible study on "The Grace of the the Holy Spirit." Report of different S. S. C. E. societies: Garrison, Sister Overman; Aurelia, Brother Braker; Enon, Sister Gillin; Waterloo, sister Levilla Lichty; Lanark, Sister Rowland; Millersburg, Sister Myers; Brooklyn, Brother Connell; Dallas Center, Clara Flora; Hudson, brother S. B. Gillin; Milledgeville, Brother Talley; Chicago, Sadie Gibbons. Motion was made that the present officers of this conference hold over until their successors are elected at the next district conference, and that they shall constitute the Executive committee, who shall at an early date form a suitable program for the convention of 1899. Carried. Miss Emma Puterbaugh, of Lanark, Ill., was elected district secretary of S. S. C. E. Greetings from Indiana conference, J. O. Talley, Garrison: Indiana conference returns greetings. A glorious conference; three hundred present.

WM. D. FURRY.

It was moved and carried that a condensed report of this meeting be given the editor of the Garrison paper. Sister Gibbons' paper was ordered printed in the EVANGELIST, and read as follows:

"I tremble for the destiny of our nation, which our cities are likely to seal. Chicago's future redemption looks dark; unless the cities can be saved it will be impossible to save the nation. Chicago is one, not only of our commercial and nerve centers, but it is one of the storm and criminal centers of our civilization. The last lesson in last quarter's Sunday-school lesson where the ten tribes were taken into captivity because of their sin and unbelief, I thought of the terrible condition of Chicago. We look at its spiritual growth and we see a rapid fall downward. Today it is full of violence and bloodshed, sunken in venality and crime, drunkenness, fraud, lawlessness, lust and bribery abound not only in the purlieus and slums, but in the residence and aristocratic sections as well. The laws are wantonly violated in relation to all manner of evil. In fact the city is a mass of corruption from the core out. Only here and there a struggling little flock of God's people, striving for a victory over this ungodliness through individual after individual or one by one being redeemed through Christ and the gospel. If ever the gospel and consecrated servants of Jehovah, will touch the city, now is the time to strike and strike hard. Build up men and you build up the nation for Chicago seems to be run for the protection of the vicious and lawless rather than for the defense of decency and virtue.

The danger point has long since been reached. Appetite, passion, avarice and lack of feeling combine to disgrace our city and scandalize our reputation. Asa 3d and King of Judah.

Church members rent their property for saloons, indecent houses, gambling holes, because they get more money. The devil will pay almost anything to have his ends accomplished. I tell you the people of God like Elijah the prophet, want to stand on their dignity, and away with such taffy imps of satan, and not overlook all these things for fear of insulting them or they will leave the church. They are not afraid of insulting God, why should we fear them?

Now do not understand me that all the people are like this, but look at the mass; there are godly people there fighting for God and his kingdom. But we need more strong men even as the Apostles of old.

The Brethren church must fight her end of the battle. Shall we sit back and leave others fight the battle and have all the victory and glory for God? No, beloved, let us press on all the harder. Raffle for souls. There are shameless dens of iniquity and carnivals of crime which curse and infest the city. It is infested with the most terrible and loathsome disease and it is catching our young people.

Now is the time to make a vigorous crusade against the venders of these evils. Suffering is untold sin."

Report of committee on Resolutions adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, It is by the permission of our heavenly Father that we are allowed to meet together in District conference,

Resolved, That we return unto Him our heartfelt thanks for His mercies and the blessings which have come to us thro this meeting,

Resolved, That we extend thanks to the brethren and friends of Garrison, Iowa, for the most kind and Christian treatment which they have accorded to the delegates and visiting friends of this conference.

Resolved, That we urge the District officers of the King's Children society to push the work of the young people with more vigor and persistence.

Resolved, That we hold up the hands by our prayers and our money of our District evangelist as he endeavors to set churches in order and secure pastors for shepherdless flocks.

Resolved, That the mission work of the church is approved by this conference and that we urge its acceptance in all the congregations of this district and urge its support in whatever measure possible. Furthermore be it

Resolved, That as a people who believe the Bible and believe God's people should be free from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, that we oppose with voice and vote the awful liquor traffic.

Resolved, That we urge upon all the churches the formation of Sisters' Societies of Chris-

tian Endeavor, inasmuch as it has shown itself to be a most effective agency for the unification of the sisters of the church for aggressive work at home and for the accomplishment of a great work for Christian education in the support of a professor in Ashland college, and for the support of aged ministers of the church. And finally be it

Resolved, That we urge the pastors to seek by the Holy Spirit's guidance and help to do more systematic and effective work for God in the coming year than ever in the past, in this district. That we be more faithful to our motto of "the Gospel, the whole Gospel and nothing but the Gospel," by the preaching and teaching thereof in its simplicity and by living it out in our lives by the help of God.

J. L. GILLIN,
SADIE GIBBONS,
J. ELLWOOD BRAKER.

Adjourned.

7:30 P. M.

An old fashioned class meeting conducted by Brother Gillin. It was moved and carried that the conference endorse the District evangelist's plan of going to Chicago. Relation of Pastor to their Members, by Brother Talley was well given. Relation of Members to Pastor, Brother Livengood followed, which was also very interesting.

J. O. TALLEY, Pres.
E. L. HILDEBRAND, Sec.
ETTA LICHTY, Ass't Sec.

Dallas Center, Iowa

We are working for Christ. Five accessions last month, three from the German Baptist church, two from the River Brethren. We do not report all of our accessions in this congregation. We are blessed. Surely God has been with us ever since we organized this church at Dallas Center. He will always bless those who trust him. We hope to do better work than we have in the past. I am glad the conference is coming to Leon next year. Hope we may see many present who have never attended conference. It seemed impossible for me to be present this year. I was called to New Virginia to preach the funeral of brother Joseph Zimmerman. I also preached the funeral of Mr. Kelly during the conference dates.

I am on the committee for repairing the church at Dallas Center.

I have long desired to see an evangelist in the field. May God bless Brother Talley in his work should be the prayer of every true, devoted heart. Every conference that has ever been held in the Illiokota district failed right on that point. There was an aching void in the hearts of those who came from the different churches expecting help. No one wanted to take the responsibility. Not every church needed help along that line. Some are strong enough to care for themselves. But we have not pastors to supply all those who cared for the missionary points and churches without pastors. Work will be easier, more satisfactorily done. Now dear